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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1965.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Wardle Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report for 1965.

During the year two houses were officially represented as being unfit for human habitation, both houses being void.

48 houses were built by private enterprise during the year.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

(i)	Area in Acres	3,193
(ii)	Population 1961 Census	4,611
	Registrar-General's Estimate of resident population, 1964	4,400
(iii)	Number of inhabited houses at end of 1963 according to the rate book	1,506
(iv)	Rateable value	134,592
(v)	Sum represented by a penny rate	£538
(vi)	Industries - The chief industries carried out in the area are:- cotton, silk and rayon weaving, wallpaper and plastic manufacture, leather processing, light engineering and moorland sheep farming.	
(vii)	Unemployment - None worthy of mention during 1965.	

VITAL STATISTICS

	Total	Male	Female
LIVE BIRTHS:			
Legitimate	54	25	29
Illegitimate	7	4	3
STILL BIRTHS:			
Legitimate	1	1	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-
DEATHS OF INFANTS:			
Under 1 year of age:			
Legitimate	2	2	-
Under 4 weeks of age:			
Legitimate	2	2	-

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population:-

Crude	13.9
Adjusted	13.3

Still Births:-

Rate per 1,000 (live and still) Births 16.1

	Total	Males	Females
Deaths	66	31	35

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population:

Crude	15.0
Adjusted	10.8

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	32.8
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 total births	Nil
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births	32.8

Death from Cancer (all ages)	6
Death from Measles (all ages)	0
Death from Whooping Cough (all ages)	0
Death from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	0

	Live Birth Rate.	Crude Death Rate.	Rate of Death under 1 year per 1,000 Live Births.	Still Birth rate per 1,000 total Births.
Year 1964	16.4	16.6	Nil	Nil.
" 1965	13.9	13.9	32.8	16.1
Change	- 2.5	- 2.7	+ 32.8	+ 16.1

TABLE I

Cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year 1965

	Total cases at all ages.	Total cases notified — Age periods - years									Total deaths	
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25 & over	Age unknown	
Scarlet fever	0											0
Whooping cough	0											0
Acute poliomyelitis												
Paralytic	0											0
Non-paralytic	0											0
Measles(excluding rubella)	8		2	3		1	2					0
Diphtheria	0											0
Dysentery (Sonne)	2			1			1					0
Meningococcal infection	0											0
Ophthalmia neonatorum	0											0

	Total cases at all ages.	Total cases notified — Age periods - years						Total deaths
		0-	5-	15-	45-	65 & over	Age unknown	
Acute pneumonia (prim. and influenzal	0							0
Smallpox	0							0
Acute encephalitis								
Infective	0							0
Post-infectious	0							0
Enteric or typhoid fever	0							0
Paratyphoid fevers	0							0
Erysipelas	0							0
Food poisoning	0							0
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	1			1				0
Meninges & C.N.S	0							0
Other	0							0
Puerperal pyrexia	6			6				0
Mumps	0							0
Chicken Pox	0							0
								None

NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED in 1965 were 17 as compared with 16 in 1964. A comparative table is shown below:-

	1964	1965
Scarlet Fever	0	0
Chicken Pox	0	0
Measles	5	8
Whooping Cough	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	5	6
Dysentery (Sonne)	0	2
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	0	1
Mumps	0	0
	10	17

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN 1965:-

	Males	Females
Cancer	4	2
Heart Diseases	12	16
Intercranial Vascular Lesions	5	5
Diseases of Circulatory System	-	2
Other Respiratory Diseases	-	1
Pneumonia	2	-
Bronchitis	2	3
Suicide	1	-
Diabetes	-	1
Accidents	1	4
Other ill-defined diseases	4	1
	31	35

The foregoing deaths occurred in the following age groups:-

	Males	Females
Under 4 weeks	2	-
1 to 25	-	-
25 to 35	1	-
35 to 45	1	2
45 to 55	2	1
55 to 65	10	4
65 to 75	8	9
75 and over	7	19
	31	35

I should like to thank the staff of the Health Department for their good work throughout the year.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servat,

A.N. PICKLES.

Medical Officer of Health.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1965.

To the CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
THE WARDLE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

For the year 1965 I have to report as follows:-

GENERAL SURVEY.

Private Housing Development has reached Wardle and 48 houses were completed and occupied during the year; a further 50 may be completed in 1966 and I know other land has been surveyed for future development.

The Rochdale Corporation West Pennine Development on the Smallbridge and Great Howarth district is well advanced and finished houses should be occupied in Wardle towards the end of 1966.

Drainage is by separate system and all the drains and sewers have been laid but not taken over.

Two sewer blockages occurred in 1965.

There were no calls for disinfection or disinfestation in 1965.

50 weekly collections of house refuse resulted in 809 tons 194 cwts. being dealt with by Rochdale Corporation.

The three slaughterhouses were used regularly, 30% fewer cattle and sheep were slaughtered but 200% increase in pigs killed. The incidence of disease in all cases but cattle was reduced.

Shops

The shops in the area maintain a good standard of cleanliness and handling of unwrapped foods. The two bakehouses in the district maintain good standards.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply

3% of the houses in the area, all in outlying areas, have to rely on springs for their water supply. The majority of these supplies have been piped to storage tanks and taps. The 97% remaining have a piped supply from the Rochdale mains, which is suitable and sufficient for all purposes. Many complaints about dirty water from Old Wardle Estate and Ashbrook have been passed on to the Water Dept. and regular flushing of the mains was instituted.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART.

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	546	542	-	4,294	973	-
Number inspected	546	542	-	4,294	973	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	31	32	-	123	9	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	5.6%	5.7%	-	2.9%	0.9%	-
Tuberculosis only:-						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis:-						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Drainage and Sewerage

Drains which will be taken over at a later date were laid in Alpine Drive: only twice were any sewers blocked.

The ejector works quite well but it is requiring many repairs. This should be reconditioned next year.

Properties still unsewered are in outlying or low lying area and unconnected because the sewer is not available. One new sewage unit has been constructed.

Rivers and Streams.

The River Roch enters this district from Littleborough and there is still pollution, although the improvement noted before is maintained. Ashbrook and Clough House Brook are good.

Closet Accommodation.

The contribution payable by the Council as an inducement to owners to convert obsolete closets to fresh water flush type is £8 for each pail closet and £4 for each waste water closet.

Smoke abatement.

2 observations taken proved no statutory nuisance although one firm had to be visited and the fuel difficulties were caused by a break-down of normal supplies. These difficulties were soon put right.

Schools.

The three schools are maintained in good order.

Housing Acts.

A demolition order was put on two houses.

16 Standard Grants were issued in 1964 but actually 12 houses were completed to the required standard.

TABLE II.

Closet Accommodation

	1964	1965
Privy Middens	18	18
No. of closets attached to Middens	13	13
No. of pail closets	54	54
No. of dry ashpits	3	3
No. of ashbins	1,432	1,432
No. of houses on water carriage system	1,376	1,376
No. of waste water closets	8	8

TABLE III.

Inspections, 1965

	Visits or Inspections.	Defects.	Remedied.
Housing	77	21	18
Factories	23	-	-
Food Premises	62	-	-
Slaughterhouses	541	-	-
Bakehouses	4	-	-
Nuisances & others	145	135	129
	852	156	147

Once again I wish to thank Mr. P. Robinson, Clerk of the Council, for his help on all matters and the staff for their ready co-operation.

I am, Gentlemen,

W. OLDHAM,

Public Health Inspector.

TABLE IV

List of Acts and Sections thereof adopted by the Wardle Urban District Council.

1. Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890 (Part III). Adopted 15th May, 1891.

2. Infectious Diseases Notification Act, 1889. Adopted 6th April, 1889.

3. Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907. Parts II and III (excepting S.48) IV and V. Operative from 5th October, 1911.

4. Private Street Works Act, 1892. Operative from 13th October, 1914.

5. Notification of Births Act, 1907. Operative from 13th October, 1914.

6. Public Health Act, 1925 (Parts II, III and IV). Operative from 31st January, 1927.

7. Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899-1923. Adopted 2nd August, 1934.

8. Local Government and other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922. Adopted 1st April, 1938.

9. Lancashire County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951, Sections 13 and 14. Adopted 20th November, 1951.

10. Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Section 14. 24th November, 1951.

11. Clean Air Act, 1956. Section 24. August, 1957.

OBSERVATIONS AS TO THEIR ADMINISTRATION:- Good.